

[Mr. S. Paramesvara Aiyar.]

from Dhanu, 1098, to the end of Kanni, 1099, and the reasons for granting such concession; and

(b) the amount of loss sustained by the Government as a result of granting such a concession?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(a) No private sale of salt in factories is allowed, but direct sale is allowed under the supervision of factory officers. Under the terms of their agreements, the licensees are bound to deliver to Government certain quantities of salt each year subject to the payment of the *kudivila* mentioned therein and they are entitled to sell direct to private persons the remaining salt manufactured by them subject to the payment of duty to Government. The member probably refers to the remissions granted to the licensees in regard to the fixed quantities of salt deliverable by them to Government under their agreements. The licensees of the following factories were granted the remissions specified against them in Vrischikam 1098:—

(1) Avadhanial's factory	...	22,222	maunds.
(2) Cape Comorin General Traffic Company's factory	...	15,556	"
(3) Dr. Sankaramurti Pillai's factory	...	1,872	"
(4) Tamaraculam Puttallom	..	8,889	"
(5) Srimulagopalanathan <i>allom</i> ...		22,222	"
(6) Srimulakrishnamani <i>allom</i> ...		11,111	"

The reason for granting these remissions is the unforeseen loss the licensees sustained on account of the cyclone of November last.

(b) Government sustain no loss worth mentioning by the grant of such remissions.

Sale of Salt by Proprietors of Salt Pans.

69. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel cum Vilavankod*):

(a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have granted permission for the sale of salt to the proprietors of salt pans who carry on salt manufacture in South Travancore, after receiving the share due to the Government?

(b) If sanction has been accorded, will the Government be pleased to state from what time such sanction has been given, and what the Excise Commissioner's reasons for the same are?

(c) Will the Government be pleased to state how many maunds of salt have thus been sold from the time when sanction was accorded to the sale of salt up to Kanni, 1099?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(a) and (b) The member is referred to the answer to part (a) of question No. 68.

(c) 1,13,856 maunds.